



DEKALB COUNTY CADET SQUADRON

Welcome to the DEKALB COUNTY CADET SQUADRON

Thank you for your interest in the DeKalb County Cadet Squadron. This squadron has been in Atlanta for a long duration and is involved in the neighborhood and community activities. Our main goal and objective to all of our cadets is simply this: That our cadets, will become better people, better citizens, and better leaders.

I have personally been in this program for two and a half years and I can say without hesitation that it has been nothing but beneficial for me. Our cadet program provides strong structure and organization in academic and physical aspects for all of our members. The activities our Squadron participates in include several FTXs (Field Training Exercise) throughout the year, O-flights (orientation flights), Color Guard presentations, and participation in state-wide events such as Encampments.

With the strong structure you'll find in this Squadron, come skills that are applicable in everyday life. These skills include leadership, self-discipline, and organization. All of our activities promote the four core values of Civil Air Patrol, which are Integrity, Respect, Volunteer Service, and Excellence. These are central to all Civil Air Patrol activities, whether it is an encampment, a simple drill session, or one of the National Cadet Special Activities. If you or someone you know has an avid interest in aerospace, leadership, fellowship, military, and/or service, they would benefit from and achieve many things in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. Again I want to thank you for your interest in Civil Air Patrol and in our squadron. Please do not hesitate to e-mail me with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Semper Vigilans,

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CIVIL AIR PATROL CORE VALUES

Integrity-Respect-Volunteer Service-Excellence

CIVIL AIR PATROL MISSIONS

Emergency Services-Cadet Program-Aerospace Education

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services is one of the main aspects of the Civil Air Patrol, and is the most important way we serve the community. Though it may come as a surprise, Civil Air Patrol conducts ninety percent of all search and rescue missions across the United States, and is the largest volunteer search and rescue organization. Though it may not be as active as some squadrons, the DeKalb County Cadet Squadron takes Emergency Services seriously.

Some weekends the Squadron will leave town for Field Training Exercises, on which our cadets train to become Ground Team certified, allowing them to participate in actual Search and Rescue missions. While on the FTX we do a wide variety of activities from compass courses to mock search missions, and also learn survival skills. The Squadron also practices Emergency Service training regularly by having an entire meeting devoted to it every month.

The Emergency Services aspect of Civil Air Patrol has been compared to the survival skills and training, youth receive through Boy Scouts of America. This is a reasonable comparison, but the fact must be taken into consideration of how important and practical Civil Air Patrol's Emergency Services are to the Nation, by supplying professional volunteer man power for Search and Rescue, that would otherwise have to be supplied by the enlisted Air Force. Because of the serious importance of Emergency Services, the DeKalb County Cadet Squadron mobilizes its resources wisely, so it can train and equip its cadets to serve their community through Emergency Services.

THE CADET PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is the main focus of Civil Air Patrol for anyone between the ages of twelve and twenty-one. The program helps build strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education for America's youth. The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program also uses a rank and grade system borrowed directly from the Air Force's rank structure. The DeKalb Cadet Squadron is a first-rate example of the Cadet Program at work through young Americans acting as responsible young adults.

The DeKalb Cadet Squadron uses the Chain of Command as a system to organize, that promotes self-discipline in its cadets. The Chain of Command starts with the Basic Cadets of the squadron, who are the all-important force behind much of what Civil Air Patrol

accomplishes, and then goes to the Cadet Staff, organizing and guiding them. The Chain of Command continues, going from Squadron Cadet Commander, up through the senior membership of Civil Air Patrol, and eventually makes its way through the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and all the way up to the President. The DeKalb Cadet Squadron finds this link, however long, that runs all the way from the Basic cadet taking his first test, to the President signing documents in the Oval Office, a sobering picture that pushes us toward better performance, a strong work ethic, and a will to serve our community and nation.

The DeKalb Cadet Squadron trains the youth of the community to be strong leaders, preparing them for whatever path in life they wish to take. We take pride in the fact that our cadet staff take their responsibilities seriously, complete their tasks efficiently, and continue to astound people in the community with their high level of conduct for youth of their age. Our young leaders plan their projects carefully, execute their plans promptly, and learn from their successes and failures alike to gain better results on the next job. The DeKalb Cadet Squadron sees evidence in their cadet staff of how the Cadet Program is training strong, professional, and self-disciplined leaders for America.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Aerospace Education is one of the primary missions of Civil Air Patrol. The Aerospace program at DeKalb County Cadet Squadron focuses on developing an in-depth understanding of Aerospace principles, from fundamentals of flight to navigation and more. Cadets at DCCS are exposed to a wide variety of civil aircraft ranging from small General Aviation aircraft to corporate jets. Members explore possible career fields in aviation with visits to control towers, maintenance facilities and other fixed base operators. For cadets who want to take their education in Aerospace to another level, flight scholarships for eligible cadets are available to help fund flight lessons. Aerospace related programs are offered during the summer, including a trip to the nations largest air show is Oshkosh. Learning is an integral part of Civil Air Patrol, and DeKalb County Cadet Squadron embodies this through its commitment to Aerospace.

Want to find out more?

The DeKalb County Cadet Squadron website can be found at gawg.cap.gov/GA065/, or check out Civil Air Patrol's National website at www.cap.gov.

Ready to Join?

Next time you're at the squadron, ask to talk to a senior member about getting a registration form.